

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:139
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2005
REVIEW OF EARTHQUAKE READINESS PLAN
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has reviewed the Earthquake Readiness Plan for the National Capital Region (NCR);
- (b) if so, the details regarding possible damage revealed in the review; and
- (c) the remedial measures proposed to be adopted in the event of earthquake?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 139 FOR 2.8.2005 REGARDING REVIEW OF EARTHQUAKE READINESS PLAN.

(a)&(b): The National Capital Region (NCR) comprises of National Capital Territory of Delhi and parts of the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The States are required to prepare Disaster Management Plans which include provisions for earthquake preparedness for their respective States. The Ministry of Home Affairs has already issued guidelines to the State Governments to this effect. The Disaster Management Plans are not required to be sent to Government of India for approval.

(c): The Regional Plan 2021 for the National Capital Region (NCR) prepared by the NCR Planning Board has suggested the need for proper planning at various levels for disaster preparedness, mitigation and disaster response and making the Post Disaster Management Plan an integral part of the Sub-regional Plan to be prepared by the concerned State Governments. The Ministry of Home Affairs has advised the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations including the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi from time to time to take up various disaster mitigation and preparedness measures including measures relating to earthquake mitigation and preparedness. The mitigation measures include preparation of disaster management plans at the state, district and block levels, and amending building bye laws to incorporate BIS Codes for construction activities in Seismic Zones III, IV & V etc., The Model building bye laws have been finalized by an Expert Group and shared with the State Government/UT Administrations for implementation. The unified building bye-laws for Delhi have already been amended by notification dated 21.3.2001 for incorporating earthquake proof features in buildings of prescribed specifications.

As far as the National Capital Territory of Delhi is concerned, a Disaster Management authority has been set up which has prepared and circulated a Draft Disaster Management Policy. A State Emergency operation Centre has also been set up and mock drills have been conducted, apart from several sensitization meetings for generating awareness about disaster preparedness. Action has also been initiated for preparation of state and district level response Plans, database for disaster response network and capacity building at various levels.